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Thanks Matt

We are actually interested in anything pertaining to the daily maximum criteria such as our understanding of why that criteria is appropriate, our comments on what is meant by the wording. I note that the 2004 Kalispel Standard approval documents were silent on this topic, so it may be unlikely to find anything specific in an approval document from the 90's, but we wanted to check.

Matthew Szelag

Hi Helen, Here's the response I received from Johr

10/16/2012 08:36:44 AM

From: Matthew Szelag/R10/USEPA/US
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 Date: 10/16/2012 08:36 AM
 Subject: Fw: WA temperature question

Hi Helen,
 Here's the response I received from John.

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Subject: Re: WA temperature question

This language in WA's std predates revisions made in the 2000s. I'm not sure when WA adopted these provisions. However, there is some recent history on how to interpret this language. Including WA's AG office agreeing with EPA's interpretation with respect to the Pend Oreille provision below.

John

Matthew Szelag	John and Kathleen, Do you recall if the language...	10/15/2012 05:34:06 PM
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Subject: WA temperature question

John and Kathleen,
Do you recall if the language below for the Pend Oreille was part of the large temperature action you worked on? I didn't see it, but want to make sure. If not, do you have any idea when we approved it or have any knowledge about it? Seems like some of the basins have this language in the WQS, while others don't. I'd appreciate any information you have.

Thanks,

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From: Helen Rueda/R10/USEPA/US
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Subject: Standards Approval Documents

Hi Matt

I am looking for a copy of EPA's approval of the site specific temperature criteria for the Pend Oreille River. WAC 173-201A Table 602 page 104:

"Temperature shall not exceed a 1-day maximum (1-DMax) of 20°C due to human activities. When natural conditions exceed a 1-DMax of 20°C, no temperature increase will be allowed which will raise the receiving water temperature by greater than 0.3°C"

I think this is a hangover that predates the most recent temperature standards in Washington.

I am also looking for the approval documents for the Kalispel Tribe water quality standards (in 2004 - I think).

Can you help with this?

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